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NARBETHONG

BUXTON & TAGGERTY



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President Ken Adams

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## POSTCARDS FROM MOROCCO

(The current travel diary from Megan & Marty of Buxton)

Wednesday April 8 – Bonjour from Casablanca: After 32 hours in transit we finally arrived at our hotel at 2 pm yesterday afternoon.

I was delighted to find the room had a bath and collapsed into it for a good soak. Around 4 pm we laid down for a quick nap, with the intention of going for a walk and doing some exploring afterwards, and didn't get up until about 6:30 am this morning!

Today we went for a walk into town and visited the amazing Hassan II mosque, the medina (the old part of town consisting of winding little streets and market stalls) and walked back via the beachfront which is all being redeveloped – I am sure it will look like Surfers before too long!

Thursday 9 April: 'We're all riding on the Marrakech Express... Today we left Casablanca behind and caught the Marrakech Express (any Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young fans out there?) to...well, Marrakech.

Three hours sitting in the train was a great way to see the variously changing country side with the capacity to get a few shots along the way – not something you can do easily on a bike...unless you want to stop all the time.

Marrakech is a lovely place – everything that Casablanca wasn't, really. We have two nights here at the end of the bike tour so will have time to explore the place properly then.

We went directly from the train to the bike hire place where we were acquainted with our transport for the next three weeks (always wanted a zippy little black BMW – now I have one ... for awhile at least).

Back to the hotel for the night and tomorrow morning we are back to the bike hire place to pick up the bikes and start the part of the trip we came half way around the world for – riding through the Atlas Mountains.

10 April: Heading for Hendrix country – Today saw our first day riding and all I can say is thank goodness we have previously ridden in India! Riding in traffic that seems to obey few road rules, on a bike you are unfamiliar with (at least this one has the controls in the same places as we are used to – not like the Enfields we rode in India) is tricky enough – add to that being on the wrong side of the road!!! The India experience at least meant the vehicular 'free-for-all' was not something else to try and get our heads around for the first time.

We had an easy morning's ride to our destination of Essaouria

(Jimmy Hendrix lived here for a while) along a nice straight road with a total of just three turns to get us to Marrakech. However turning left at a T-intersection in suburbia, when you are on the opposite side of the road where you are used to being, is a bit of a case of taking your life in your hands. We found it was best to take the 'Safety in numbers' approach – one takes off and we all go ... and a good idea to ride behind the Americans at this point in time! Lunched at Sam's Seafood Restaurant on the waterfront where Jimmy Hendrix ate in 1963 (according to the signed picture in the foyer – mind you... everywhere seems to be promoting their Jimmy 'Experience')

Wandered through the Medina for shopping (I think I may have single handedly propped up the Moroccan economy with the amount of jewellery I bought) for the rest of the afternoon before heading back to our Riad and, yes, another bath! You have got to love a country that considers a bath a mandatory inclusion in even the most basic of bathrooms.

It is truly a wonderful feeling to be here on the bikes finally, as I can honestly say after the dramas of the recent months, there have been times since 7 February that I wondered how the hell we were ever going to get here! But we have.

*Love From Marty and Megan*

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**ALEXANDRA  
CINEMA**

0416 241 872

**Thursday 16th @ 1.30pm**  
**"MADAGASCAR 2 - ESCAPE  
TO AFRICA" (PG)**

**Thursday 16th @ 4.00 pm**  
**AND Saturday 18th @ 4.00**  
**pm & 7.30 pm**

**"SLUMDOG MILLION-  
AIRE" (MA) to be confirmed**

**What's on When**

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Friday 1st    | - Narbethong Community Meeting                |
| Tuesday 5th   | - Buxton Progress Association (see notice)    |
| Wednesday 6th | - Lions Work Meeting - 8 pm Golf clubhouse    |
|               | - Bags for the Ladies (see notice)            |
| Thursday 7th  | - Narbethong C'ty & Tourism Group General Mtg |
|               | - Triangle Community Dance Group (see notice) |

**Narbethong & Granton Community Meeting**  
**Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Black Spur Inn. 4pm**

Come and find out all that's happening in our area,  
with reports from Christine Nixon, the Shire, Narbethong  
Committees and you our town people

Ask your questions and we'll try to answer them.

If you would like to report on something, just let me know.  
Contact Jo-Ann Kasch 5963 7121

**Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2009**

**7:30am**

**Alexandra Life Centre**  
**118 Grant Street**

**Guest speaker:**

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**Buxton Progress Association Inc.**

**General Meeting**

**Tuesday 5th May**

**7.30pm @**

**BUXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Narbethong Community and Tourism Group Inc.**

A General Meeting will be held at the  
**Black Spur Inn, Maroondah Highway, Narbethong**  
on

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30p.m.**

All members of the Narbethong Community  
and NBT Map members welcome

RSVP - 5963 7121

## FAMILY FISHING FESTIVAL NETS A KEEN CROWD AT EILDON

At least one lucky family discovered the joys of catching their dinner, during the weekend Family Fishing Festival at Eildon Pondage last Saturday.

The family, from Eildon, caught two rainbow trout and promptly announced the fish were destined for the dinner table that night.

They were among more than 80 families with 160 children who attended the event.

All up 38 fish, mostly stocked rainbow trout, were landed and many of those provided a unique thrill to young, first time anglers.

Family Fishing Festivals are aimed at beginning anglers, particularly children between four and sixteen years of age. These events have already introduced many youngsters to the joys of angling.

The manager of the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative, Brian Mottram, said one mother indicated the event has given her the confidence to now take her son fishing.

"One little girl caught her first ever fish and proudly showed all the other participants in the fishing activity," Mr Mottram said.

"Brightly painted faces and colourful balloons didn't deter the fish from biting.

"Lots of happy families left the event with bags of goodies after a fun day and some were lucky enough to win a new fishing rod and reel combo.

"Eildon Pondage is regularly stocked and provides great opportunities for fishers of all abilities and the Eildon township would love to see people visiting their region over coming months and enjoying the fishing opportunities.

"Other Family Fishing Festivals will be held at Lake Hyland, Churchill on 2 May. Kennington Reservoir, Bendigo on 9 August, Lilydale Lake on 19 September and Jubilee Lake in Daylesford on 18 October."

For more information on Family Fishing Festivals and the Go Fishing in Victoria initiative ring the DPI Customer Service Centre, 136 186 or visit [www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing). Please note images from the day are available on request.

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What would you like to use it for?

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It would be great to hear from all ages!

Please put your ideas in writing and post to  
Narbethong Public Hall Committee,  
636 Maroondah Highway, Narbethong 3778  
Or email: [dfraser@virtual.net.au](mailto:dfraser@virtual.net.au)  
by 13<sup>th</sup> May.

The Narbethong Public Hall Committee thanks those that have already given us their submissions on what the new building should incorporate and how they see it used in the future.



**Geoffrey Martin**

**Thermal Energy Assessor**

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**Buxton V Line stop 2.35pm**

**Marysville (Bakery bus stop) 2.50pm**

**Blackspur Inn 3.05pm**

**Enquiries: Contact Fallons Bus Service Ph: 5772 1768**

**Bags for Mothers**

Those who have been affected by the recent Bush Fires are invited to drop in for a cuppa and receive a

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lovingly made shoulder bag.

6<sup>th</sup> May, 2009

11am til 3pm

118 Grant Street,

Alexandra

Enquiries: Ruth Halyburton

5963 3398 or 0402345265

Leading up to Mothers Day a group (probably 5-6 and a couple from Melbourne) of ladies in Canberra Calvary Chapel have lovingly made and filled 300 patchwork shoulder bags with goodies, for distribution to the mothers who lost there homes in the recent February fires in the Alexandra, Marysville, Kinglake and surrounding communities as a token of expression of their love to them in the midst of their tragedy. We will never be able to replace what they have lost but the bag will be a reminder that they have not been forgotten. They have been given the use of Alexandra Life Centre, Church Hall and invite you to call in and have Devonshire Tea or a cuppa and biscuits .and receive one of these bags anytime between 11am and 3pm on Wednesday the 6th May, 2009. Enquiries to Ruth Halyburton 5963 3398 or 0402345265.

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## MURRINDINDI SHIRE COUNCIL

### Amnesty period on open air burning in residential areas within Murrindindi Shire



It has been brought to the attention of the Murrindindi Shire Council and the Municipal Fire Prevention Committee that there is a considerable amount of fire hazard material (vegetation material i.e. tree limbs and cuttings, dried leaves) within some residential properties in the Shire. As a result of this build-up of combustible material from the recent February 2009 bushfire, a decision has been made to give residents a five (5) week-end opportunity to clean up any possible fire hazard on their properties.

Therefore, on the weekend of

**2 & 3 May 2009** and the following weekends of **8 & 9 May;**

**15 & 16 May; 22 & 23 May; and 29 & 30 May 2009**, an 'AMNESTY' will exist and residents within the Murrindindi Shire will be permitted to 'burn-off' any vegetation material without fear of breaching Council's Local Laws.

Although this Amnesty period exempts persons from breaching Council's Local Laws, it does not exempt persons who light fires that cause a nuisance, created by the smoke from these fires. Please ensure that when burning off, that your fire does not create a nuisance.

**NO WINDROWS MUST BE LIT. ALL FIRES MUST BE NO LARGER THAN A METRE IN DIAMETER OR A METRE IN HEIGHT.**

The local Fire Brigades in your immediate area have been made aware of this 'Amnesty' period.

**\*\*Please Note\*\*** For persons not wishing to burn off, Council is offering residents

**free disposal** of their household vegetation material at all Waste Transfer Station sites on the above weekends. Please ensure you present your Tip ID Tag or Rates Notice to the Transfer Station Attendant on arrival. This offer is not available to commercial operators.

If you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact your local Rural Fire Brigade or Andrew Daly at the Shire offices at Alexandra on (03) 5772 0333 or mobile 0408 576 712.

[Mark Henderson](#)

Chief Executive Officer

Lions Tools for Tradies Appeal

### Free tools available for tradespeople who lost their tools in the bushfires

Lions clubs have organised for the donation of quality power tools and hand tools and these are now available free for bonafide tradespeople who lost their tools during the recent bushfires.

To collect the tools you need, please contact your local Lions club representative for an application form which will then be passed onto the coordinating Lions group.

More information?

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## Councillor Comment

Firstly may I take this opportunity to thank the staff of Murrindindi Shire for their excellent presentation of the community Information session at the Marysville Golf Club on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2009. The feed back from the community has been positive saying it was very informative and well presented.

At the ordinary meeting held at Yea chambers on Wed 22nd April 2009 the council endorsed an agreement to the management model for bushfire recovery and reconstruction in the Murrindindi Shire as proposed at a meeting between councilors and representatives of the Victorian Bushfire Recovery & Reconstruction Authority (VBRRRA), the Department of Human Services (DHS) & the Department of Planning & Community Development (DPCD) concerning the longer term management of bushfire recovery & reconstruction within the Murrindindi Shire.

This agreement incorporated the following:-

- (a) The establishment of a delegated committee of council to oversee the longer term strategic management of Bushfire Recovery & Reconstruction
- (b) The formation of a single set of advisory groups across the fire affected communities
- (c) An instrument of delegation for the committee of council to appoint 3 Councillors to the committee

The Committee of Council (referred to as The Murrindindi Bushfire Recovery & Reconstruction Committee-MBRRRC) will be in accordance with section 86 of the local government act 1989 with the main purpose being to ensure alignment of the activities of VBRRRA, DHS, DPCP and the council in relation to bushfire recovery in the Murrindindi Shire.

The Committee's role will focus on the longer term strategic management of the reconstruction process to ensure each communities economic, infrastructure, environmental & health needs are identified and met.

The Committee will comprise of 3 Councillors (Cr John Walsh, Cr Peter Beales & Cr Kevin Bellingham) and a member of each group- VBRRRA, DHS & DPCD with VBRRRA chairing the meetings.

The Committee will adopt a single model of community consultation and engagement for the bushfire recovery & Reconstruction in the Shire. The model proposes the initial formation of

advisory groups representing Marysville ( Marysville, Narbethong, Buxton Taggerty ), Kinglake Ranges ( Toolangi, Castella, Kinglake, Pheasant Creek, Kinglake West ), Flowerdale Valley ( Flowerdale, Hazeldene, Strath Creek ) and Melba Highway ( Glenburn, Murrindindi ).

The advisory groups will comprise of representatives of local community groups that existed prior to the fires and those which have arisen as a result of the disaster. People who nominated for consultation roles following councils call for expressions of interest will also be considered. The final composition of the groups will be confirmed jointly by council and VBRRRA in consultation with the representative local communities. The Committee of Council will consult directly with, and receive and consider recommendations from these advisory groups in relation to the recovery and reconstruction process. This agreement will provide a significant opportunity for greater alignment of the activities of the principle authorities involved in bushfire recovery & reconstruction within the Murrindindi Shire.

Cr Kevin Bellingham  
Deputy Mayor  
Cathedral Ward

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***A community workshop on Sunday 3 May, 10 a.m -3 p.m, at the  
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'REBUILDING OUR COMMUNITY: FIRST STEPS'***

• **WHAT IS THIS WORKSHOP?**

As advised in the Triangle 3 weeks ago, this workshop is the first stage in a consultative 2-stage process to allow ALL community members to contribute to the re-building process of our community. This In this first 'scoping' stage, we will explore the following questions::

*As a community,*

- who are we?
- what do we care about?
- what do we feel is "special" about our area and our community?
- in terms of this 'specialness', what do we want to carry forward?

• **WHY?**

This first stage 'scoping' stage will form part of be a the foundation for a second stage a few weeks later, to be held a few weeks later at a date to be advised. (In the this second stage, the community will begin to establish the 'guidelines' for the rebuilding of our community, such as services and infrastructure; re-building planning & regulations; business and employment opportunities; arts and culture; community networks and activities.)

• **WHO?**

The meeting is open to all business owners and ALL residents - both "permanents" (current and relocated) and "part-timers" (weekenders, holiday-home owners, etc).

• **WHEN and WHERE?**

This workshop is on Sunday 3 May, 10AM-3PM, at the Marysville Community Golf & Bowls Club. A light lunch will be provided and "crèche" facilities will be available. As a protection for anyone who may become distressed, a separate shire-appointed counselling service will be available.

• **What preparation might I need to make?**

*As part of the process, we are looking for individuals or groups to present in 60 seconds what they see as being special about this area and our community. This segment will be known as '60 Seconds on Marysville & District'. This will form part of the basis for the day's sessions, when everyone can discuss the key issues that matter.*

• **Who is responsible for all of this?**

The activity is an initiative of the Marysville & Triangle Development Group (MATDG Inc.) and is supported by VBRRA. We will have the help of a specialist moderator and eminent eco-architect, Nigel Bell, and a large team of skilled group facilitators.

In addition, MATDG Inc. intends to conduct a General Meeting on Saturday 13th June 2009 commencing at 10AM. All Committee positions will be declared vacant at that meeting and a General election of Office holders and committee will be held. All locals with an interest in helping to shape the future of Marysville and district are encouraged to join MATDG as members (\$2 membership fee) and, if they choose, nominate for a role on the Committee.



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**Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2009**

10.30 am Holy Communion - 14  
Gould Terrace (off Falls Road)

**Mt Cathedral Baptist  
Church**

Pastor Ivor Jones

Normal services- whilst the Buxton  
Community Hall is being used as a  
relief centre are held in the;  
Taggerty Hall every Sunday @ 10:00  
am

**Further enquiries  
Ivor Jones 0414430951**

**MOPS**

*If you know the whereabouts of  
any of our shop volunteers,  
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**A HUGE  
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To our brave neighbours & locals  
who helped save our home  
on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup>  
Monica & Paul Fafeita  
Buxton Rise

**WELCOME BACK TO  
MARYSVILLE**

It was great to see so many ex Marysville people at the ANZAC Day service last Saturday - seen amongst the crowd were Bob McNamara and Clare (resplendent in her naval uniform), Val & Fred Pryor of Lolly Shop fame, Mary & Reg Kenealy, Joan Cuzens, Elsie Jowett and Kaye, Wayne Roberts (ex Store some years ago), and many others.

There was also an excellent turnout of regular attendees and a large contingent of visitors, all together, possibly the largest ANZAC Day crowd ever seen in Marysville.



## GREATERNOOSA-VIRGIN BLUE BIG SISTER PROGRAM TAKES OFF

The first contingent of residents from fire-affected Victorian communities has arrived on the Sunshine Coast for a rejuvenating holiday as part of the Greaternoosa-Virgin Blue Big Sister program.

Launched in response to the Victorian Bushfires in February by Greaternoosa Living Publisher Jonette Wilton, the program will see 70 visitors from fire-torn townships arrive here between now and October.

Virgin Blue has donated the visitors' flights and over 50 businesses have gifted accommodation and a range of goods and services, including tours, meals, theme park and entertainment passes.

Maria McIntyre and Dr Eileen Slack of Marysville and Buxton will be on the Sunshine Coast until Wednesday, April 29. The next family is due to arrive on May 9.

Ms Wilton said the program was a resource placed in the hands of the Marysville Lions Club, who is at the heart of the rebuilding efforts in the fire-devastated region.

"Australians everywhere have been touched in some way by these fires and want to help in whatever way they can. The Big Sister program has taken time and careful planning to bring to fruition and given our community a co-ordinated opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in Victoria."

Marysville Lions Club Big Sister coordinator, Jan Emblin, mother of Gayne Emblin of Ritek, Cooroy, said the program was invaluable in assisting with the healing process.

"The looks on the faces of the people when you tell them the people of Noosa have organized a holiday for them is just priceless. They can't believe anyone would do that for them. These people have really gone through hell and you can't imagine how much something like this means to us," Mrs Emblin said.

Virgin Blue Chief Executive, Brett Godfrey, said the airline was more than happy to assist.

"Our team of people at Virgin Blue had an immediate reaction to the Victorian bushfire tragedy, from our cabin crew initiating coin collections on flights to staff organising fundraising events and photo searches for those who had lost their family albums in the fires. We are very humbled to be able to work with our tourism partners in Australia, including the Greaternoosa-Virgin Blue Big Sister program, to offer those who have endured unimaginable hardship some happy time away in the Noosa region, one of the country's favourite holiday havens," Mr Godfrey said.

Further offers of accommodation for the 21 couples or family groups arriving for one and two week stays between now and October are gratefully accepted, as are offers of goods and services.

Sunshine Coast businesses including Australia Zoo, The Noosa Farmers Markets, The Noosa Ferry, theatres, restaurants and other tour operators are among those who have donated free goods and services for the visitors.

Businesses, community groups and individuals wishing to assist please email details to editor@hinterlandpublishing.com.au or phone 5442 4200

### **"Victorian Bushfire Appeal Fund \$50,000 Grants"**

**If you have received your letter regarding your Grants Entitlements,  
part of the process is to have a one-on-one session with a  
Bank representative.**

**Bendigo Bank will have representatives at the  
Buxton General Store 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> May  
and Alexandra at Bendigo Bank Agency,  
Williams Hunt Solicitors, 81 Grant Street,  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**For further information please call Mike Fleming on 0408 101 487**





### Community Health in Buxton

(Temporary location for Marysville Community Health.)

The following services are now available at Community Health (Corner of Maroondah Hwy and Buxton – Marysville Road, Buxton).

**Our Physiotherapist will be visiting Buxton on Wednesday mornings. If you would like to make an appointment please call us on 5772 0800.**

Other services available include:

- Occupational Therapy
- Dietitian
- Access Worker
- Continence Advisor
- Women's Health (Pap test provider)
- Diabetes Education
- Sexual Health
- Wound Management
- Podiatry (private service)
- Myotherapy (private service)
- Counselling (Mitchell Community Health)

To find out when these services are next visiting Buxton please call Alexandra Community Health (03) 5772 0800.

### Marysville Medical Clinic

Clinic is now open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.00am until 5 pm.

Dr Fraser is now seeing patients at the Buxton Community Health building.

When Dr Fraser is unavailable, patients will be seen by:

Dr Rod Trevena (Thursdays) or

Dr Stephen Trumbe (Tuesdays)

For appointments please call 5772 0888 and leave a message.

Appointment times will be confirmed by return call during clinic hours.

Flu vaccinations are now available at the Marysville Medical Clinic.

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## Opportunities begin to open up in bushfire rebuilding

Recovery from the February bushfires will, in many cases, be dependent on people getting back to work as soon as possible. Two initiatives are being implemented to assist local businesses and individuals to be first in line when opportunities present themselves. "Council has been working with The Industry Capability Network (ICN) and the Rural Skills Connect (RSC) program to open the door to employment opportunities for local people" said Bob Elkington, Manager of Economic Development recently. "It is vital that people can put their skills and experience to good use and help to drive our recovery and rebuilding process" he added.

The Regional Industry Link (RIL) is an industry development program managed by the ICN that assists regional businesses to grow and take advantage of local work opportunities. Once a business is registered, links can be made between them and those looking for their particular skills, goods and services. Getting involved is easy. All that a business needs to do is register its capability/capacity via the website ([www.regionalindustrylink.com.au](http://www.regionalindustrylink.com.au)) - follow the links to **Register Your Company, View Opportunities or Find a Supplier**.

Currently the focus is on those Murrindindi businesses capable of assisting with the clean-up efforts. As has been well publicized, Grocon is project managing the clean-up and the ICN is working with them to help facilitate the involvement of local businesses in this major project. Local businesses can register online at [www.regionalindustrylink.com.au](http://www.regionalindustrylink.com.au) or call Tammy Atkins on 0488 325 495. Be sure to provide details of all your plant and equipment, as well as your tickets, qualifications and work experience. The more detailed the information you're able to provide to the ICN, the better. Individuals looking for work are best to contact their local employment provider or call 1800 805 206.

The *Rural Skills Connect* (RSC) program was originally set up as a drought recovery initiative but it has now been extended to include bushfire recovery. The RSC sets out to match suitably credentialed and job-ready candidates with job opportunities. The program can also help with targeted training and accreditation and has access to funding to achieve these ends.

Deb Shaddock is the project manager for the Rural Skills Connect program and she is available on 0407 848 789. Greg Laidlaw is also available to assist on 0418 225 271 and both Greg and Deb are ready and waiting to help you to become job-ready and to be linked to potential employers needing your skill set.

A number of positions are available right now at Lake Mountain. The Resort will be open this winter and recruiting is underway for people to prepare the mountain in time for the opening weekend.

Both of these programs are funded by Regional Development Victoria and are partnered by Murrindindi Shire Council as well as neighbouring Councils including Mansfield, Strathbogie and Benalla.

In closing Bob Elkington said, "As we move from bushfire cleanup to recovery and rebuilding, it is very important that local people and businesses are able to take full advantage of opportunities as they become available and both the Industry Capability Network and the Rural Skills Connect programs are ready to assist".

Individuals looking for work are best to contact their local employment provider or call 1800 805 206.

### WANTED

Local musicians to perform for the first national broadcast of the new Marysville Community Radio Station on May 17th in the afternoon. Please phone Mary Souness, President Marysville's Cultural Community Inc. for more information. Ph. (03) 5774 7134 or 0401 298 590

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## Buxton Rural Fire Brigade News Update

### Fire Restrictions

**Murrindindi Shire seasonal fire restrictions end Friday 1st May at 1:00am. Residents wishing to burn off must be aware, however, that their legal responsibilities under the Summary Offences Act always apply; in brief:**

- not cause a nuisance to others from smoke, etc
- fire must not be left unattended
- not allow a fire to escape beyond their control

**We are all very sensitive about fires on properties at present. Before burning off, please contact VicFire on 1800.668.511 to prevent unnecessary visits from our brigade.**

**An amnesty is likely to be granted on all the weekends in May to allow people in township areas to burn rubbish on their property. The Summary Offences Act still applies.**

**See local press for details.**

**Graham Eddy  
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## Marysville Golfers Meet The Legendary Golfer Peter Thomson.

The Marysville golfers have played in a number of competitions recently including a special event held on Tuesday 21 April at the Sandhurst Club near Carrum. The Marysville Sandhurst Inaugural Challenge was played at Sandhurst in beautiful conditions and twenty five Marysville golfers were able to attend. They were joined by another hundred golfers from around Melbourne and Victoria in a 4 person Ambrose event. After a welcome from the host club and a number of photo opportunities, a one minute silence was observed in memory of those who lost their lives in the bushfires. The fifty golf carts were lined up in Grand Prix style and players travelled in convoy (some waving to the TV cameras on route!!) towards the tees on the challenging Championship Course.

The game was followed by drinks, dinner, speakers, and an auction. Special guest for the day was Peter Thomson, Australia's most decorated golfer, and it was a privilege for all the golfers there to be in the company of such an Australian legend. He spoke at the dinner and answered questions from the guests. He left those present with one thought, **'Golf clubs are not about greens, fairways, or clubhouses but about people'**.

James Brayshaw, President of the North Melbourne Football Club and Footy Show host was also one of the speakers and obviously a very competent golfer. His team won the event with 55.75 and James also won the longest drive competition.

All funds raised on the day will be donated to the Marysville Community Golf and Bowls Club and as one of the Sandhurst members said **'it was the day the spirit of Marysville was sewn in the Fairways of Sandhurst'**.

Our special thanks to all those involved with the organisation of the day, members of the Sandhurst Club, David Stirling, Travers and Sabrina Stow, Nick Jans, Dave Robinson, and the sponsors. Thanks also to the two teams of men from Alexandra Golf Club for their support.

The Marysville men are playing through their planned syllabus on local courses. Two rounds of the Men's Individual Matchplay and the Pennant competition have been played. The Mixed Liesfield Memorial Fourball Event is underway with players organising their matches on other courses.

The Ladies have also been active on the local golf courses. They too have played two rounds of Pennant, the Alexandra Monthly Medal, The Alexandra Bowl, the Eildon GC weekly competition, and the Invitational Event at Yea GC.

More than forty volunteers from Victorian Golf Clubs, trade companies, and turf industry organisations have pitched in to help re turf fifteen greens on the course and those greens will be top dressed in the next few weeks. Temporary greens will be cut this week with the hope of reopening the front nine holes by the end of May. Work has started on the bridges with foundations being dug and steel beams being delivered late next week. Machinery purchased so far has included a John Deere front end loader with a similar tractor on order. Our thanks to Rob Christie, our greenkeeper, for all his hard work in coordinating the rebuilding of our beautiful course and to all the volunteers for assisting in any way they can.

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Community  
Recovery Update  
24 April 2009  
What do we do?

Mitchell Community Health continues to respond to the needs of bushfire affected communities by providing counselling and personal support to the residents of Murrindindi and Mitchell. The organisation is responsible for coordinating all bushfire counselling and personal support services for both municipalities and is committed to the health and wellbeing of the community.

### **Who can use our services?**

Anyone, and the support we provide includes help with:

- problem solving
- adjustment to changed life circumstances
- getting back on track

### **Where are we?**

Currently, staff are located at recovery sites and community service hubs and appointments can be made for face to face counselling at:

- Alexandra
- Broadford
- Buxton
- Flowerdale
- Kinglake Central
- Kinglake West
- Marysville
- Narbethong
- Seymour
- Wallan
- Yea

To access counselling and personal support services contact the Service Access and Care Coordination Team on **1300 773 352** or speak with a Mitchell Community Health staff member at your nearest recovery centre or community service hub.

Other services available through Mitchell Community Health include:

- Debriefing for individuals, community groups and businesses
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- Access and referral to other local health and support services
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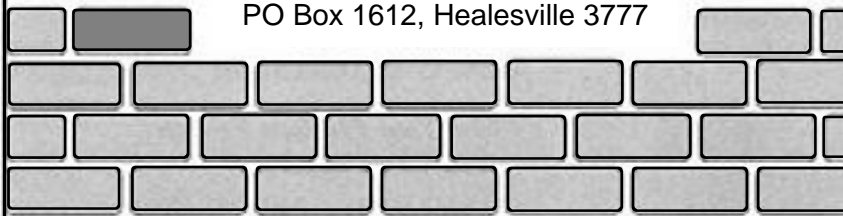
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## MAYORS CHAIR

The Council would like to like to express its gratitude to the organisers of the numerous ANZAC DAY activities across the Shire last Saturday. It is always a special day – maybe more poignant this year. It is encouraging to see that we men, women and children remember the sacrifices of our service men and woman on this day. “Lest we forget”.

It is also very encouraging to see all of the cleaning up efforts occurring across the Shire. Grocon, private contractors, council, volunteers and local folk are all hard at work – transforming the landscape, with a positive purpose. Signs of rebuilding aren't as highly evident yet – obviously such matters taking more time and effort than cleaning. If you haven't yet registered with Grocon for your initial clean up and assessment – please call them on 1800 240 667.

With all the activity of the past 11 weeks, some people may not be aware that the RSPCA are absolutely committed to assisting the community. They are keen to help people who may have incurred vet expenses, possibly assisting with purchasing animals, providing grants to replace animal equipment and shelter and livestock feed, helping to rehabilitate injured wildlife – and various other aid. The best web link is [www.rspcavic.org/campaigns\\_news/news\\_bushfires.htm](http://www.rspcavic.org/campaigns_news/news_bushfires.htm) or call them on 9224 2222 if you have needs linked to your pets or livestock.

As the clean up and rebuilding, for many, gets underway, it's important to realize that as people – we also

may need to call upon help to get us through the recovery process, even “simple” things can seem difficult. Please remember you are not alone in this – there is help – and it is professional and confidential. Keep a special eye out too, on young people around you. They may be finding it difficult to express how they feel too – as complex and confusing issues are all around. Chatting to a friend, listening to a friend, we all need each other – and if we need to go further, for professional help possibly, there are many organizations willing to help. There is no shame in asking for and accepting help. Please call Council 5772 0333 for details on Counseling Services that may be of assistance. Lifeline also runs a 24/7 referral centre if that is more appropriate on 13 11 14. Again, all services are confidential and free.

This past week Councillors participated in ABC Kinglake and UGFM radio appearances; the Murrindindi Visitors Centre Volunteer Summit in Yea; a full Council Meeting in Yea; a reception with the Governor General Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC and The Honourable John Brumby MP, Premier of Victoria; and many ANZAC DAY Services. As the Autumn seems to give in bit by bit to Winter, keep an eye and ear out for friends, family, neighbours, children – and yourselves. Extend a warm hand of help and friendship and support. We all need support and we can all give it.

***“Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadows” Helen Keller***

## Update on Buxton Gym Suggestion

Dear Triangle Readers,

Many thanks to those of you who responded so positively to my suggestion that a gym should be set up in Buxton. The number of people who signed the form at the General Store was terrific, and very gratifying. It certainly reinforced the proposal that the Buxton community would be behind the setting up of a gym. It is now some time since I aired this suggestion and I thought it would be a good idea to let you know how things have progressed. Sometimes ideas don't go any further than just ideas, however this idea fell on fertile ground. The Alexandra Hospital administration, which are as you know responsible for the Community Health Centre, and the physiotherapists at the Alexandra Community Health Centre, all responded very positively and are actively pursuing this implementation. Further, we were very fortunate to receive \$2000 worth of gym equipment from Bar Bells Australia, and the only thing delaying the project now is the projected location. We are currently waiting for the emergency food and clothing depot to be relocated as this is the proposed site for the gym. I understand that this is well under way so we can look forward to things really moving. So folks, Watch This Space for further updates.

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### Heading

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What happens when we are isolated? When we have little or no contact with other people, we tend to lose our focus. We tend to dwell on our own situation and have little to measure our progress against, so it is easy for our view of our situation to get distorted. Isolated people are at greater risk of getting depressed, paranoid, or developing other mental health conditions.

Many rural people are geographically isolated, living and working apart from others, so it is important for these people to develop connections with others – join a group in town or on the internet, keep in touch with old friends and family.

Others may live in town but be socially isolated - have few people they know and have contact with. It is important for others to help these people to get out, meet people, join groups, make friends.

In times of stress – drought, bushfires, unemployment, relationship breakdown, death of a loved one, chronic illness – people often cut themselves off from others. Try to fight this urge. There are lots of activities going on in our community, so check out something that might interest you. Mixing with others will help you to deal with the problems you face, just by making you feel better about life.

Community Health at Yea Hospital – phone 5736 0400 and at Alexandra Hospital – phone 5772 0800

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The Business Recovery Officer will support the Economic Development function of council by focussing on the specific needs of businesses affected by the impact of the bushfires and on broad economic recovery. The successful applicant will report to the Manager, Economic Development and will play a key role in "implementing" council objectives as they relate to supporting the rebuilding and recovery of the business sector.

Key duties include working with local businesses in their re-establishment and rebuilding efforts, the provision of timely and relevant information as well as advocacy and referral support to new and existing small businesses.

The successful applicant will be a positive, forward thinking and creative person with proven business, administrative and customer service skills and experience. A person with small business experience would be highly regarded.

The successful applicant will work from the Alexandra council office and operate predominantly in the eastern side of the shire. The role will also involve after hours work. A current driver's license is essential. For a position description contact Lisa Wallace on (03) 5772 0318 or via email on lwallace@murrindindi.vic.gov.au

Enquiries and written applications addressing the key selection criteria should be marked Confidential and directed to Bob Elkington, Manager Economic Development, Murrindindi Shire Council, PO Box 138, Alexandra 3714 or 03 5772 0367. Applications must be received by close of business Monday May 11, 2009.

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